

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. The Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 28-42 have been allowed.

Claims 1-27 have been objected to due to certain informalities but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Examiner's objections. As suggested by the Examiner, the phrase "said N symbols" in claims 1 and 18 has been changed to -- said N consecutive symbols --. In claim 4, the recitation "claim 1" has been rewritten as -- claim 3--. Accordingly, claims 1-27 are now allowable. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments are simply clarifying amendments which were already inherent in the claims and are not further limiting so as to affect equivalency under the Festo doctrine.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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